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## THE FARBER CLAY AND MINING CO.

Developing an Industry That Desires to Make the Little Town and Audrain County Famous Throughout the U. S.

The Farber Clay and Mining Co., controlled by Eastern capital, principally from Toledo, Ohio, is incorporating for \$100,000.

The object of the company is to prepare and sell clay in bulk, and burnt adobe, and some finished materials.

Benjamin Hill will be the general superintendent of the works, who also has a large holding in the company. Work has already begun in erecting machinery, preparatory for the development of the mines. Mr. Hill has a force of 15 men now at work and will in a short time have the mines running at full blast. Mr. Hill says it will require about 100 men to operate the business.

The quality of the clay at Farber has, after numerous tests, been proven to be superior to any other clay that has yet been found in the United States, having a fusion test of 3,360 degrees Fahrenheit, with a splendid analysis.

"Rah for the Mines, and for Farber, and for all that community."

Prof. Barbee is conducting a singing class at Central Union, near Vandalia.

"Grandpa" Morgan of near Molino has gone to Illinois where he expects to spend the winter.

The Chicago & Alton R. R. is building a double track between Booth and Bowling Green.

Master Calvin Clarke Braden and his dad, W. W. Braden, north of Laddonia, were in to see The Message a few days ago.

The Santa Fe Progress says that John Baker raised nearly a peck of peaches this year, the largest peach crop in that neighborhood this season.

R. J. Moore while walking north on Jefferson street a few nights ago was struck by a buggy and thrown to the ground and rendered unconscious for a time.

Miss Martha Eller, 80 years old, a cousin of Frank and Wm. Eller of this city, died at her home northwest of Auxvasse last week.

C. W. Tanner of Farber was in Mexico Saturday. He looks healthy and hearty since that visit in the mountains out West.

The Electric R. R. Co. is building a platform in Santa Fe for loading and unloading freight. A small freight house is also being built.

Judge W. H. Wallace of Kansas City will deliver a Democratic speech in Mexico next Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. He is a fine speaker and should have a large hearing.

Rev. I. M. Turnage of Mexico held a revival meeting at the Wells-ville Baptist Church recently which resulted in 12 additions to the membership.

Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, Republican nominee for Vice-President, will deliver an address in Mexico this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. He will have a large hearing.

R. E. Race has offered his resignation as secretary of the Commercial Club. It is understood that he has the offer of a fine business proposition at his old home in Ohio.

Sam Thomas of La Plata, Mo., has been visiting his brother at Rush Hill, J. R. Thomas. He also visited his sister in that neighborhood, Mrs. Charles Teague, also another sister, Mrs. F. S. Akridge, at Laddonia.

The National Convention of the Christian Church was held at Des Moines, Iowa, last week. The following from Mexico attended: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Worrell, Mrs. E. R. Locke, Mrs. J. W. Dry, Mrs. Owens Adams and Miss Victoria Brooks.

Rev. J. S. Jesse, who is pastor of the Baptist Church at Waynesville, Mo., was in Mexico this week meeting relatives and old friends. Bro. Jesse says his part of the State suffered greatly from drouth this last summer. Corn was a failure except on a few low-lands.

## REPUBLICAN POSTMASTER IS FOR WOODROW WILSON.

Served Uncle Sam at Laddonia and at Center—Formerly a Resident of Mexico for a Time.

Laddonia, Mo., Oct. 21.—Rev. P. P. Hummel, of Sedalia, Mo., a lifelong Republican, who has been visiting his mother in this city, declares that President Wilson will be re-elected by the biggest landslide the country has ever seen. He terms Hughes as T. R.'s candidate and says that the Republicans have no ticket head in the race this fall.

Dr. Hummel was postmaster at this place and Center, Mo., under Republican Presidents for 14 years and resigned the latter position a year ago to enter the ministry of the Baptist Church. He declares that the Republicans who vote for Hughes virtually admit that their party has surrendered to Roosevelt. He is going to vote and campaign for Wilson.

Dr. Hummel was a resident of Mexico for some time about 17 years ago.

## THE WEATHER.

Thermometer tumbled down to 30 degrees Thursday night, Oct. 19, degrees Thursday night, Oct. 19, our first ice of the season. A high wind continued thru to Friday night.

Scattering snowdrops fell all during Friday. Jack Frost gave us an early flourish. He drove the wild geese out of the north. They were flying south 24 hours ahead of the storm.

But Saturday cleared; began to warm up, and Sunday you could go about in your shirtsleeves.

## DIES FROM INJURIES.

Miss Mildred Moore, who was injured recently in a street car accident in Ames, Iowa, died last week. She was a former student in Hardin College and was a granddaughter of Mrs. S. M. Edwards of this city.

## AUDRAIN MAN SUES.

Fulton, Mo., Oct. 23.—Edward T. Underwood, an Audrain county farmer, has filed suit for \$8,500 in the Callaway County Circuit Court vs. Harry P. Noel, another farmer, living in Montana, alleging assault.

Underwood alleges Noel struck him with a club on two occasions and that scratches resulted in infection and permanent injuries.

Miss Anna O'Brien of Mexico who teaches the Fennewald School near Martinsburg. She has but two pupils—the smallest enrollment of any rural school in the county. The Catholic parochial school at Martinsburg draws largely upon the pupils of the district, hence this small enrollment. The teacher gets \$45 per month.

Monroe Kelso, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kelso of this city, writing from his home in Cedar Rapids, Wash., says that that commonwealth regardless of partisan politics, will go safely for the re-election of Woodrow Wilson. Everybody wearing Wilson buttons.

The coal mines southeast of Paris, Monroe county, are to be developed on a large scale. More than \$20,000 worth of machinery has been purchased, and by the first of the year it is thought 175 men will be employed.

R. M. Dobyns and Mrs. Bert Stevens and two interesting little children, Bert and Bennie, all of Omaha, Neb., have returned home after a pleasant visit with Misses Lillie and Lottie Dobyns and Charlie Dobyns and other relatives and friends in this city.

Mrs. Andrew Cauthorn, near Molino, while driving her horse and buggy on the road the other day the horse scared and backed the buggy with occupant off into a ditch. The harness was torn to pieces but Mrs. Cauthorn escaped unhurt.

The Message was pleased this week to make the acquaintance of Mr. Benjamin Hill, the manager of the Farber Clay & Mining Co. Mr. Hill is a hustler. He is young but experienced, and it looks like he is going to put Farber on the map. Here is wishing him every success in the effort.

G. E. Younger is painting Justin White's home and barn near Benton City.

## MEXICO SAVINGS BANK

44th Year in Business  
Capital Stock \$100,000

W. W. FRY, President.  
J. R. JESSE, Cashier.

## REPUBLICAN SPEAKING.

Hons. Nardin and Bothwell Make Addresses at The Mexico Court House—Lamm Is Lauded.

Hon. John Bothwell of Sedalia, former member of the Legislature, and Mr. W. T. Nardin, a prominent attorney of St. Louis, addressed the county and Mexico Republicans at the County Court House Thursday night. Henry Kunkel, secretary of the Republican County Central Committee, presided and introduced the speakers.

The candidacy of Judge Lamm was urged; national issues were discussed also.

## ROBINSON-DOWELL.

Mr. Arthur Dowell and Miss Sallie Robinson were married Wednesday evening of last week at the home of the bride's mother here, Mrs. Ida Robinson, Rev. H. B. Barks officiating. They will reside on the groom's farm northwest of Mexico. Both young people are popular and a host of friends extend them very best wishes.

## RUSH HILL LETTER.

We, down this way, are plodding along as usual; even the snow-storm did not stop us.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carnes feel grateful to citizens for assistance when their house caught fire, as they surely would have lost their home if it had not been for timely assistance in putting out the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carnes are again snugly fixed over the depot, where Mr. Carnes is nearer his place of business.

E. A. Feutz and Dr. Cornett have completed a neat concrete sidewalk in front of their homes.

Robert Walter is having a large addition built to his residence.

Miss May Green of Columbia visited her old friends a few days last week.

Henry Winkler has completed a fine residence on his farm north of Rush Hill.

John Jesse, one of our most successful farmers, cultivates the Winkler farm referred to.

Political questions are mildly discussed at the postoffice, but public speakers have not visited us much this fall.

## POWELL FORD.

Born, Oct. 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Robinson, a son.

We wish to correct our mistake about the name of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mason's baby. We have heard since our last items it hasn't been named. We are sorry we said anything about it. We had heard twice it was named for Mrs. Arnold and supposed it was true.

Miss Anna McMurry of this vicinity spent Saturday and Sunday in Clark, Mo.

Milford Berry is building a corn crib.

J. O. Dowell sold \$14 worth of honey in one day. M. N. Powell has sold over \$75 worth of honey this season and has more engaged. Mr. McMurry has sold a nice lot of honey; we don't know just how much. All living in the same neighborhood.

Mrs. Dick Robinson of Molino was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Robinson last week.

Mrs. F. B. Cook entertained the following Wednesday: Mrs. J. D. Greer, of Mexico; Mrs. Milford Berry and sister, Miss Minnie June Powell; Mrs. Robert Allen and Mrs. John Henderson of Sneed vicinity.

Mrs. Will McMurry of this vicinity dined with Mrs. Edmonston of Mexico last Wednesday.

## PRAIRIE LEA LETTER.

The Segar Bros. have purchased the east 80 acres of the old Kunkel place.

The Little Society women are quilting a quilt at Mrs. Kircher's. They recently finished two others.

Jake Segar went to St. Louis to have his throat operated on. He had the misfortune to get a bone lodged in his throat.

Mr. D. Creigh of the Creigh Bros. garage in Mexico ran a wheel off his car Friday night near D. L. Rogers'. In fixing the wheel he mashed his thumb badly and decided to spend the night at the Rogers home.

Little Rankin returned from Dicker, Iowa, where she has been visiting relatives. Corn gathering has been in progress two weeks up there. It is reported that Jake Segar is home from St. Louis and that the doctors could do nothing for his throat.

Mrs. E. D. Graham has returned from a month's visit in Virginia.

## FARM AND STOCK.

Jake Buckner, southeast of Auxvasse, is feeding 100 head of young mules.

C. A. Pongue bot 14 black calves at the Gill sale, paying \$39 per head.

J. R. Smiley, near Santa Fe, sold 63 hogs recently to W. L. Bybee at \$26.75 per head.

J. T. Powell, Jr., Burr Crawford and J. W. Weatherford held a joint public sale at Skinner Thursday.

W. J. Fennewald, near Martinsburg, sold 70 head of steers and heifers in St. Louis last week at the top of the market. The cattle averaged 638 pounds each.

J. G. Lakenan bot two Hereford cows in Centralia recently, paying \$310. Mr. Lakenan will build up a herd of Herefords for his farm out southwest of Mexico.

Mexico's big poultry show is to be held Nov. 14 to 17. The largest exhibit is planned ever held here. The premium list is to be increased also. Get your fine birds ready.

C. M. Fox, out near Rising Sun Church, north of Mexico, has leased the F. L. Crosby farm of the same neighborhood. Mr. Fox has most of his own good farm in grass.

C. P. Arnold's live stock sale on Wednesday of last week totaled 7,400. Stock all sold well, it is reported. A cow sold for \$60 and ewes sold as high as \$9.35.

Charles Householder and Wes Winn shipped in 3,100 Western lambs from Omaha last week. D. Miller is to get 500 head of the shipment. They are an extra fine lot of sheep, it is said.

Our correspondent at Mt. Carmel, this county, reports that the following farmers have sown wheat in that neighborhood: Tom Cassidy, 40 acres; Lank Heimes, 50 acres; Wm. Fisher, A. J. Middleton and Jeff Hamlett each 20 acres.

C. M. Brown of this county sold a load of baby heaves on the Chicago market a few days ago at \$11.25 per hundred pounds. That was the highest price for the year in Chicago. The cattle were fine ones, all Shorthorns and Mr. Brown's own raising.

Albert Harrison, one of Audrain county's most successful and progressive farmers and stock raisers, living in that beautiful section south of Benton City has been touring the State in quest of mules. He passed through Mexico Saturday morning with 22 head of as fine long-eared fellows as you ever saw. They were bought in Howard county, and with Ab's training and feeding course this winter they will be the farmer's delight next spring.

The Paris Appeal says that W. L. Smiley, near Strother, was in Paris a few days ago laying in a supply of sulphur and saltpeter. It will be mixed with the salt he gives to his bunch of calves, as a precaution against blackleg. He got the idea from S. P. Emmons, the veteran Shorthorn man, who attributes the fact that he has never lost a calf to the use of this simple mixture. Mr. Smiley has 48 early calves. He raised 3 of them and bot the other 38 at an average of \$41 per head. It is one of the very best leads in the county. They will be run on grass and ensilage until January 11, then put on a ration of corn, cotton-seed meal and ensilage.

Few farmers in Audrain have given farming and stock raising a more scientific and practical method of procedure than S. P. Carter, whose fertile farm is nine miles north of Mexico, says Missouri Stockman. In cattle feeding and other pursuits Mr. Carter has been a leader in this county, and in talking over the future of farming and stock growing declared to the live-stock writer of this paper that he thought sheep feeding the most satisfactory branch of the business for this vicinity. Mr. Carter has been one of the successful flock masters of Missouri and every year buys a big flock of Western lambs, which he feeds thru the winter and spring months. He says that where he has fed out top price cattle and found it unprofitable he has never failed to make a big profit on sheep, especially in feeding the Western lambs. With Earl Carter and several other well known stockmen he will go to Omaha, which is fast becoming the distributing point for these sheep, where they will select several thousand head for their 1917 operations. Mr. Carter expects wool to be a better price than ever by shearing time and believes he will realize 40 cents a pound for the wool from his flock.

## NEW PASTOR RECEIVED.

The Mexico Christian Church had an attendance of over 800 Sunday. It was a fine greeting for their new pastor, Rev. H. P. Atkins. There were speeches and greetings from all departments. R. D. Worrell represented the Bible School; Mrs. Rufus Jackson, Workers Society; Mrs. L. Roy Ferris, C. W. B. M.; Miss Kitty Turley, Missionary Circle; Miss Anna D. Fish, Senior Endeavorers; Mrs. F. A. Pearl, Intermediate Endeavorers; Miss Luella Dozier, Junior Endeavorers; Mrs. W. G. Wilkins, Music Guild, and L. M. Dozier, Church Officers.

## FARBER LETTER.

Farber, Mo., October 23, 1916.—Ote Montague and wife celebrated their 15th married anniversary last Monday by making a big dinner and inviting their relatives and friends in. Ote said he killed the fatted calf and all reported a splendid time. Elder Dameron filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

O. Kinner bought Mrs. James Ross' residence and Elmer Goodwin bought the John Bryning property.

Ira Sutton has his new hardware store open for business.

W. S. Biggs, W. S. Carroll, Sam and Grover Sutton, D. D. Tanner each shipped a load of stock cattle last week. All were good ones.

J. N. Smith and wife of Lewis county visited at the home of M. R. K. Biggs first of the week.

L. L. Nally had a sale Saturday. Stock brought good prices. Sorry to lose Mr. Nally from this neighborhood.

Bess (Machin) Hatton and children of Laddonia, were Farber visitors the first of the week.

B. Million and family of Sapulpa, Okla., are visiting in this neighborhood.

The Clay Mine is again in operation, after suspending for a time for necessary repairs.

Uncle Tom Dougherty south of town is quite ill. On account of his advanced age his recovery is considered doubtful.

Madalen Sutton who is attending Gem City College made the home-folks here a visit Saturday and Sunday.

Dock Branstetter is rebuilding his residence, which was partially burned a short time ago.

The school is progressing nicely.

## HEDGE DALE LETTER.

Stop! Look! Listen! There will be a short program and pie supper at Hedge Dale Saturday night, Nov. 4th. Everyone invited. Come and bring your friends.

The boys began searching for sleds and skates last Friday.

Clark Sims shingled his barn last week.

D. L. Rogers and Fred Norris have each bot new wind-mills.

Roy Barkley and Merwyn Fisher cut a bee tree on Mr. Barkley's farm and obtained 200 pounds of honey.

Frank Ruse, Dick Durkey and Robert Hook dehorned cattle Saturday.

George Shramp is grading the roads.

Merwyn Fisher owns a new calf. Louis Kircher is putting in a new concrete walk.

Dr. W. E. Cornett sold a span of mules to R. R. Buckner for \$325.

George Fisher visited his son Merwyn Fisher, last week. He sold two cows to Pete Harper at 5 cents per pound.

Misses Frances Skelly and Inez and Florene Barkley spent Tuesday night with Mrs. F. F. Witchie.

Misses Ruth Rouse and Elsie Witchie and Edmond Witchie spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barkley.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kircher and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Witchie and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Feutz in Rush Hill.

Miss Ruth Rouse was in Mexico Saturday night and Sunday.

R. H. Kammarmayer of near Molino was called to Pickneyville, Ill., this week on account of the serious illness of his mother, at that place, Mrs. Minnie Kammarmayer. The mother is 81 years old.

The ladies of the Mexico Federation of Women's Clubs canvassed the city Monday and raised over \$500 toward the employment of an experienced social service worker.

Gray Hook is reported quite ill.

## REV. COBB WRITES

Thinks St. Louis Church Folks Will Want Autos on The Golden Streets in Heaven—Won't Desire to Walk.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 22.—Editor Message:—I thought perhaps the observations of a country man in the city might be of interest.

I am here, as you know, to undergo an operation on my eyes to prevent total blindness if possible.

The lavish expenditure of money on the one hand is almost criminal while the herculean efforts to keep afloat on the other is indeed pathetic. Food prices are a fright. My landlady is paying 30 cents a dozen for eggs. Eggs have been 40 cents, and 36 cents per pound for butter and other things in proportion. The young person, unskilled and who can make his board better 150 miles away from St. Louis.

Good, clean young people, boys and girls, assure me they have to deny themselves in a way never dreamed of in the country or small town in order to live here on \$50 per month. Young people getting no more than \$50 per month have all the temptations and disadvantages of the city and are shut out from all of its advantages.

The churches are doing a great work, no doubt, but they impress a country man as being frigidly polite rather than religious. Maybe this is all a notion, but one thing is sure, if good clothes and politeness will take one to heaven the church folks will certainly walk the golden streets of the New Jerusalem provided there are no street cars or automobiles in which they can ride.

My landlady says the cost of sending her boys to Sunday school is prohibitive. She says the boys' classes which her boys would be in all wear long black robes at the churches near enough for them to walk, so it is humiliation for the boys or an expense for the mother which she is not able to meet. This was not a church with a begowned clergy, either, but it shows whither we are drifting.

As one walks about the city he is impressed with the thought the horse is rapidly going the way of the Indian and the buffalo. While walking a block I counted 30 passing autos and only three vehicles drawn by horses, and the next block showed 25 and two, respectively, and I think these figures about tell the tale of the city.

But I have said enough.  
Your friend,  
H. I. Cobb.

W. S. Doolin is superintendent of the Community Sunday School at Rush Hill. The school is to have a novel rally day occasion next Sunday. They will have a ticket—"issued by The Community Sunday School Railway Company", which will keep you guessing all along the trip, till the train stops. If you live in that community better get aboard that train. Dinner on the dining car.

Born, on the 14th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Turner Williams, a daughter.



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**Shur-on's**  
if you  
need glasses

How Will Your Boy  
Get Along This Year?

Do his eyes need attention?  
Are his eyes as efficient  
as his neighbor's, who is  
forging ahead of him?  
Better an examination today  
than glasses all through life.  
We examine children's eyes  
as thoroughly as grown-ups.  
An experience of many years  
justifies this statement.

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